

Chairman's Notes

December 1, 2023

It's hard to believe December is here already, where did 2023 go? As I sit in my office to write my notes, I realize this has been a really hard couple of weeks for me. My wife and I both had Covid and we've been isolated in the house for going on 8 days now. We are lucky and thankful that symptoms were mild and hopefully, we are well on our way to recovery.

What I have been able to see of the community in the last few days really looks good. I am hoping everything is going well for everyone. Our crews are working extremely hard to try to get our grass cut and take care of everything for us.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know many of you were able to attend Blue Heron's Thanksgiving buffet that was offered. Many reported that it was excellent and the service was really good.

The last time I was on the golf course it looked really good. Even with the rain we have had over the last few weeks, the course is in excellent condition. We hosted a few large tournaments over the past two weeks, one of them had 144 players and the course remained in great shape even after all of the play under very wet conditions. If you get a chance to see Chuck or Shane, please congratulate them for their hard work handling everything through the severe weather. We at TGO are incredibly lucky to have such excellent leaders managing our golf course.

At the last Board of Directors meeting the board voted to form a new committee, the Human Resources Committee. This committee will be chaired by Lauren Clark and John Comeau will be vice chair. The committee will be advertising for three additional committee members. If you would like to be on this committee, please go by the CSA office and fill out an application. They will be reviewed by the chairperson and vice chair. Selections will be made and approved by the board at our January meeting or if we have a special meeting before then I will try to get them approved at that point.

A draft of the proposed new ARC rules is on the website for your review. This document has been reformatted to make it easier to read and easier to find pertinent rules. Please review the document and if you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to your district representative. They will be able to

discuss your comments at the board meeting as we review the new document. I do want to recognize the working group that rewrote these rules and put them in a much better format. They did an excellent job and spent hundreds of hours working on this project. A special thanks to Vicky Ferrari, Chris Christian, and Doug Matz for their extremely challenging work on these new rules. Also, we need to remember that the ARC Committee has spent several hours reviewing this document and held four meetings to get it where it is today. I want to thank everyone involved for their great work.

TGO cannot operate without our volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers. Without you, TGO would not be the wonderful place that it is. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.** We have many excellent volunteers who work many hours to make TGO a lovely place to live. I am sure some of you know a volunteer that has gone way above and beyond this past year. If you know of such a person, please go by the CSA office, get a form, and recommend them for Volunteer of the Year.

I want to remind everyone that it is time for elections and if you live in any of the even numbered Districts, 0,2,4,6, and 8, or District 3 for ARC you need to consider running for a district board position. We always need volunteers for these positions so please contact someone on the election committee for more information. If you don't plan to volunteer, please make sure you VOTE in the next election. These are the people who will be setting TGO policy for the next two years so please come out and vote.

Safety is one of the most important things in TGO. Trying to ensure everyone feels safe and is safe, is a primary concern that I have. So, what I ask you to do is please obey all the traffic rules and slow down. I know that our Courtesy Patrol has written many citations in the past month, so we need to slow down.

Another concern is our wildlife. Please remember we love our wildlife; they are beautiful to look at, but they are wild animals. Please do not approach them or feed them. If you feed our alligators, it leaves CSA no choice but to have it removed.

Cliff Creech
Chairman